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WEATHER REPORT.

Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight rain Tuesday.

Sun and Tide Table.
High Tide 11.42 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Sun rises 7.01 a.m. and sets 5.45 p.m.

PRICE 2 CENTS.

INQUIRERS KEEP OUR FORCE BUSY

Widespread Interest is Shown in Gazette's Offer of Three European Tours.

MAGNITUDE OF OFFER

Early Candidates Stand Best Chance of Winning as Rate Schedule is at Its Highest Point During First Period.

From the manner in which the telephone calls from young ladies and their friends who seek further information concerning the Gazette's tour-of-Europe Contest, are coming in and the letters which are received from interested persons residing in the three districts, it is an assured fact that the proposition made in the Gazette in its issue of last Friday, is arousing more interest than has any other announcement in this vicinity in many years. That so much interest is manifested thus early is most gratifying and shows that the people of this city and vicinity appreciate the magnificent offer this paper has made and that there will be many contestants for the honors.

Offer Causes Surprise

The offer of three absolutely free tours of Europe from a newspaper in a city the size of Alexandria, took everybody by surprise, and many people read and re-read the offer, before they could convince themselves that they had read it right. The Gazette never had done anything, but when it takes hold of a proposition it endeavors to carry it to a successful close, and when the management decided that it wanted to offer an inducement to the young ladies of this section it endeavored to make the offer just as large as possible, and decided that a trip to Europe with all expenses paid would be a most acceptable present to three of its young lady readers.

Now the accepted Time

The time to begin is right now. Write or telephone to the Contest Manager, telephone No. 7, and he will enter your name or that of a lady friend you may suggest as a candidate and will send a subscription book and all necessary instructions.

Delays are dangerous. The opportunity is now knocking at your door and you should grasp it ere it is too late. This is the time of fortune which the immortal Shakespeare wrote about and if you take it at its flood it will surely prove that the great bard was a true prophet, for its swell will most surely waft you across the blue Atlantic next summer and give you a most delightful vacation amid the historic scenes of Scotland, England and France, while your friends who failed to grasp the opportunity are at home sweltering in the summer's sun. Wouldn't you like to enjoy the cool breezes of the Atlantic in the hot days of next July and August? Who wouldn't? The Gazette can't gratify that wish now, but it can and will gratify it next July if you will only improve the opportunity it offers you.

Early Candidates Have Best Chance.

Those who wish to enter the contest and maintain best chances for winning should enter at once into active participation. A good start is half the battle. By entering immediately a contestant will gain a great and valuable advantage over such of her opponents as do not enter until later.

With all ballots clipped from the issues of the Gazette counting ten votes each, and with the field entirely clear, for a solicitation of pre-paid subscriptions, the candidate will be able to amass a greater number of votes than at any future time in the contest.

Every day finds new interest manifested. It has taken some a few days to get a thorough understanding of the plan, but now that the plan is well understood the contest may be depended upon to go along at a lively pace.

Win That Prize.

Clip that 1,000 vote nomination ballot from this paper and fill out with the name, address and district number of some lady you think likely to make an effort to win one of the tours. The names will soon be published and all nominations should be in at the earliest possible hour.

DEFENDANTS NOT LIABLE.

Suits Dismissed in Case of Osceola Tribe vs. Building Association.

In the Circuit Court for the city, Judge Thornton has handed down a decision in the two cases of Osceola Tribe of Red Men against the German Co-Operative Building Association and the Alexandria Perpetual Building Fund Association, holding the defendants not liable and dismissing the suits. It is thought that no appeal from this decision will be taken, and that this will end the litigation.

It will be recalled that the controversy arose from the alleged defalcation of an officer of the Osceola Tribe of Red Men, which apparently amounted to about four thousand dollars. It seems that the Tribe held paid up stock in the Associations, and this officer withdrew the stock and failed to account for the money received. The complainants claim that the checks of the Building Associations were made payable to Osceola Tribe of Red Men, and that the defalcating officer had no authority to cash them. A careful analysis of the accounts of this officer, however, would seem to show that the apparent defalcation was really the result of a poor system of book-keeping. The complainants were represented by Messrs. J. K. M. Norton and Samuel G. Brent, and the defendants by Messrs. Jas. R. and H. H. Caton and Douglas Stuart.

"CRUMP" IS DEAD.

"Crump," a well-known equine figure in Alexandria, paid the debt of nature at the alma house last Saturday. "Crump" had attained the age of 28 years. He served the Columbia Fire Company 8 years, and, after outliving his day of usefulness in that capacity was transferred to the alma house, and during the past 10 years he had humbly and slowly pulled the slop cart through the streets where he had in his youth galloped to fires at the sound of the gong.

WOMEN PICKETS ARRESTED.

Charges of Intimidation and Disorderly Conduct Alleged.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 19.—Three women strike picketers were arrested early today, thrown into a waiting patrol wagon and hurried off to police headquarters after 200 policemen, 15 cavalrymen and a detachment of militia infantry numbering 90 or more had charged a crowd of 100 women strikers who were stationed along Lawrence street near the Common, begging mill workers "not to go back and scab."

Charges of intimidation and disorderly conduct were lodged against the women prisoners. The plans of the strikers to send women out on picket duty had been "tipped" to the authorities. When the women put in an appearance they found 200 policemen with drawn riot sticks, cavalrymen with drawn sabers and infantrymen armed with wagon spokes waiting.

As soon as the pickets started to ask the workers to join the strikers the police charged and after arresting the three pickets who had started work, drove all of the others from the streets.

A contest ballot box has been placed at the door of the Gazette office, and another in Gibson's Drug Store, and the public is invited to clip the coupons from the paper and drop them in one of the boxes for some candidate.

The names of the candidates so far nominated may be printed tomorrow, so hurry up with the name of that lady friend you want to win a tour and get it in the first list.

Important to Contestants.

It will be observed by the schedule of votes offered for subscriptions in the Gazette's European tour contest, that more votes are given on a stipulated subscription during the first period than during the second, and more during the second than during the third, and the public is hereby assured that these schedules will remain in force and unchanged during the periods for which they have been announced.

There will be no double vote offers bonus vote offers nor "set" vote offers, during this contest, hence a subscription for a given amount will give a candidate more votes during the first period than it will any time later in the contest.

This statement is emphatic, and all contestants and friends of contestants should govern their actions accordingly. The contest Manager's telephone is number 7.

BETWEEN MAYOR AND MONCURE.

Responsibility for Introduction of Charter Amendment Due to a Mistake.

DELEGATE TAKES BLAME.

Relieves That the Bill is a Good One and Should Pass. How It Happened to be Introduced by Him.

The mystery of the introduction in the Legislature of Virginia of a change in the charter of Alexandria, while the matter was pending before city council, and had not been approved by them, has been solved. D. R. Stansbury, clerk of council, has received letters from both Senator R. E. Thornton and Delegate Robinson Moncure, giving full information of the facts leading up to the introduction of the bill and while these letters will not be made public until tomorrow night at a special meeting of council it is understood that they confirm the statements that have been made to various persons in Richmond by both of Alexandria's representatives in the legislature.

According to Delegate Moncure the bill was the result of a conversation between himself and Mayor F. J. Paff, during which time several matters in reference to the city were discussed. Mr. Moncure said that the mayor told him that the bill was being considered by council and he thought there would be no difficulty in its being passed. Mr. Moncure, knowing the troubles of getting any measure through the present session, said that he would introduce it so that it would have a good place on the calendar and upon its ratification by council would have a strong chance of passing. Mr. Moncure said that the mayor did not mean to imply to him that the bill had been approved and was in no way to blame, Mr. Moncure taking upon himself the full responsibility.

Nothing was done except the preliminary steps in introducing the bill and Mr. Moncure stated that it would not have been permitted to pass until council had agreed to it. He believes, however, that the measure is a good one and that council should approve it.

Senator Thornton expressed himself to a number of persons in Richmond last week as being indignant that his name should have been connected with this measure as it has been. He stated that he introduced it in the senate at the request of Mr. Moncure but since council's action had held it up.

It is understood that Mayor Paff acknowledges that he talked the matter over with Mr. Moncure as he did a number of other questions of interest to the city but emphatically denies that the bill was introduced at his request or suggestion. It is understood that he wrote a letter to Mr. Moncure some weeks ago, stating that the bill had not been approved by the council.

THREATENED WITH WATER Famine.

Hornell, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Because rain has not fallen in months and the entire winter's fall of snow remains on the ground frozen, this city is suffering from a water famine. The reservoir is empty, fish have died in the pipes, and doctors fear a serious epidemic as a result, while in cases of fire there is no water to combat the flames. Drinking water has to be imported from other towns for washing and other purposes. Relief is not possible until a general thaw and the spring rains come.

THREATENED MINERS' STRIKE.

London, Feb. 19.—In view of the approaching miners' strike, the price of coal was raised \$1 per ton today. Hotels and factories were buying up fuel in such large quantities that a further rise in price was expected soon. The Conciliation Board resumed its efforts to bring about peace today, but it was said that the members had little hope of success.

TAGS ARE GOING FAST

Ladies Start Work This Morning Tagging Stores, Residences and Wagons.

Alexandria's second tag day started this morning when a corps of well known ladies of the city started on their work of tagging the various stores, residences and wagons for the benefit of the Alexandria High School Athletic Association which has in prospect the equipping of a modern play ground for the children of the city.

The ladies in charge of the work consist of Mrs. Carroll Pierce and Mrs. E. A. Dienelt, third ward; Miss Roush and Mrs. William J. Morton second ward; Mrs. John Leadbeater, first ward and Mrs. T. C. Howard and Mrs. Robert S. Barrett, fourth ward. They are assisted by a number of young ladies.

The classes of tags being sold, a store tag at \$1., a residence tag at fifty-cents and a wagon tag at twenty-five cents. The individual tags will be given out at the public schools on Wednesday afternoon and will be sold by the children on Washington's birthday.

The ladies were much encouraged by the generous support received by them this morning.

COMMITTEE TO PROTEST

Delegations from Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Leave for Richmond.

The proceedings of the present Legislature are causing apprehension not only in Alexandria but in all cities in the Commonwealth. Should certain bills now before that body become laws the revenue of the cities will be reduced and that of the State increased. One bill, which takes all the revenue derived by cities from corporations and transfers it to the state will mean a loss of about \$40,000 to Alexandria. Another provides for the abolition of city and county poorhouses and the erection of one such retreat for the unfortunate in each Congressional district and should be opposed vigorously. There are many other bills which are inimical to Alexandria against which protests should be made as soon as possible. The following compose the committee of the Chamber of Commerce: John W. May, W. A. Snoot, Jr. A. D. Brockett, J. Y. William and G. D. Hopkins.

WEATHER AND THE RIVER

Mild Conditions Play Havoc With Ice in the River—Channel Clear.

The weather during most of yesterday was mild and rainy, and most of the reminders of the recent snowfall in this city were obliterated. The ice in the river, which had been set in motion Saturday, was being moved up and down the stream by the tide, and the grinding and rasping of the sheets and the whials at gorges kept up a low roar. The ice in Hunting Creek moved out yesterday. A dense fog set in during the night, and early this morning it was impossible to see objects on opposite sides of the streets. It was nearly ten o'clock before the mists gave way before the sun's rays. The steamer Northland from Norfolk, arrived on time. Her officers report that they ran into a snow storm in the bay which followed the steamer until she entered the Potomac about midnight. The ice is broken up in the entire river, but trouble was experienced by the steamer in heads where gorges have formed.

Smiths Point lighthouse, which was reported to have been carried away by the ice, is still standing in its regular position guarding the entrance to the Potomac river from the lower bay.

Moderate weather is expected to prevail this week, although it is probable that cold weather may be felt in the northwest, according to the weather bureau's bulletin.

Supreme Court.

Washington, Feb. 19.—After a three weeks recess the Supreme Court reconvened today to hear many important railroad rate cases especially set for argument immediately.

Thrilling Rescue From Ice.

Samuel Lenox, aged 12 years, and Robert Lenox, aged 11 years, cousins, had a thrilling escape from death yesterday after having been marooned in the Delaware river on a large cake of ice, which gradually diminished in size as it was swirled down the stream at a rapid rate. The boys were playing on the frozen surface of the river when unexpectedly, the ice started to break up from the thaw, and they were horrified to find themselves on a single block of ice which had become detached from the main body.

MASONS TO GATHER HERE TOMORROW.

Annual Meeting of Washington Masonic Memorial Association.

PROGRAM FOR SESSION

First Meeting of Session on Wednesday Morning—President Taft to Visit Lodge Thursday Afternoon.

All preparations have been completed for the meeting of the Washington Masonic Memorial Association, which assemblies in Masonic Temple, Wednesday morning, and by tomorrow night many of the delegates will have arrived.

Charles H. Callahan, secretary of the local memorial committee has been busy arranging the many details connected with the meeting. The organization and local memorial committee, of Alexandria-Washington Lodge will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the lodge room to secure their badges and be furnished with instructions in reference to the reception of the guests.

The National Association is the outgrowth of the memorial committee of Alexandria-Washington Lodge appointed four years ago to consider the question of building a memorial in the shape of a temple to George Washington, the first master. Two years



THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, President of the Association.

ago the various grand lodges of the United States were invited to send delegates to Alexandria to attend a meeting which would organize a national association to assist in the work. Last year the association was formally launched. Its membership is composed of the grand master and one delegate from each grand lodge and each grand Masonic body. Over thirty grand lodges have formally endorsed the movement.

The officers of the association are as follows:

Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, president; James M. Lambertson, Grand Senior Deacon of Pennsylvania, first vice-president; James R. Johnson, Grand Master of South Carolina, second vice-president; A. B. McGaffey, grand master of Colorado, third vice-president; A. B. Ashley, Grand Master of Illinois, fourth vice-president; Lawrence Lee, Grand Master of Alabama, secretary; Dana J. Flanders, Grand Master of Massachusetts, treasurer; H. K. Field and J. Edward Shinn, of Alexandria Washington Lodge stewards; George W. Zachery, tyler and custodian.

About 35 delegates are expected to arrive tomorrow and they will have their headquarters at Rammel's Hotel.

The program for the meeting is as follows:

February 20th—Informal Reception of Delegates and Special Guests in Masonic Temple.
First Session, February 21st.
9:30 a. m.—Opening ceremonies; addresses of welcome; regular order of business.
1:00 p. m. Luncheon.
2:00 p. m. Afternoon session.
5:00 p. m. Recess for dinner.
7:30 p. m. Night session. Address by Hon. C. C. Carlin, member of Congress from Virginia.
Second session, February 22nd.
9:00 a. m. Invocation; regular order of business.
12:00 m. Luncheon.
2:00 p. m. Re-assemble.

PREPARATIONS FOR LENT.

Catholic and Episcopal Churches Announce Services for Season Commencing Wednesday.

Announcement of the hours of Lenten services, together with the order of services, was made yesterday at the Catholic and Episcopal churches throughout the city. At St. Mary's Catholic Church services will be held every Sunday and Friday evenings at 7:30 o'clock, when a series of sermons will be delivered by Rev. A. P. Doyle and other priests from the Apostolic Mission House, Brookland, D. C. There will also be services every Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, when the Stations of the Cross will be said. On Ash Wednesday services will be held in the morning at 6:30 and 8:30 o'clock, and in the evening at 7:30 p. m.

At Christ Episcopal Church services on Ash Wednesday will be held at 11 o'clock a. m. The order of the services the remainder of the season of Lent follows: Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 5 p. m., and Friday, 8 p. m. sermon by a visiting clergyman.

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church services on Ash Wednesday will be held at 11 o'clock, and every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock there will be a sermon. Services will also be held every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The order of services for Grace Episcopal Church on Ash Wednesday follows: Communion, 7:30 a. m., services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. There will also be services at 5 o'clock every Monday and Saturday afternoon, and services at 7:30 o'clock every Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The usual order of services will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Tomorrow will be Pancake Day.

Col. Lee Crandall, former editor of the National View, of Washington, and at present of Arizona, is in Alexandria today.

In the Corporation Court today a final decree was entered in the case of Carrie D. Taylor vs. Samuel G. Taylor, granting a divorce to the plaintiff from the defendant on the ground of desertion.

MURDERER EXECUTED.

Condemned Man Had Killed Four Witnesses Against Him in a Minor Case.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 19.—Rejecting all religious consolation and unmoved to the end, J. Lawrence Odom early today paid the penalty on the scaffold for the quadruple murder of Charles Goland, David Lyman, F. Gartman and Joseph Stokes. Odom died with a plea to his five-year-old daughter to "take off the death cap" after having refused his son's plea to pray.

The four men whom Odom killed were witnesses against him in a minor case. Two were mere youths, and one of these the murderer shot down as his victim's mother pleaded for her son's life on bended knees.

Odom claimed insanity, but the Supreme Court refused to intervene.

MAN AND WIFE BURN TO DEATH.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 19.—David Mahoney, 60, and his wife, Mary, 59, were burned to death today and William Boyer fatally injured, in a fire resulting from Boyer's attempt to light a leaky gas stove in his room.

BURNING OF AN OPERA HOUSE.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 19.—The grand opera house, one of the oldest play houses in the northwest, was practically destroyed by fire today. Loss, \$150,000.

2:30 p. m. Reception to Brother William H. Taft, President of the United States.

3:00 p. m. Adjourn. Pilgrimage to Mount Vernon, accompanied by President Taft.

7:00 p. m. Stated communication of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.

8:00 p. m. Annual banquet and celebration of the birthday of Gen. George Washington, by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22.

President Taft has been compelled to decline the invitation to the banquet and will return to Washington after visiting Mount Vernon.

The speakers on the program of the banquet are former Governor A. J. Montague, of Virginia; Senators Thomas S. Martin and Claude A. Swanson, Representative C. C. Carlin, Representative James W. Collins, W. L. Andrews, grand master of Masons in Virginia, and Thomas J. Shryock, grand master of Masons in Maryland.

YUAN SHI KAI IS WORRIED.

Threatened Revolt in Manchuria—Chao, "Butcher of the North," Will Not Submit.

WANT LIMITED MONARCHY.

White Flag of Republic Chinese Legations—Queues Discarded and Evening Dresses of Occident in Evidence.

Peking, Feb. 19.—The new government of China today faced a threatened revolt in Manchuria. Yuan Shi Kai was plainly worried over the serious situation in the north but announced that he would not use the army to enforce his authority except as a last resort. He was still hopeful that the viceroys, Chao Ehr-Hsin, and his chief lieutenant, Kang Yu-Wi, might be won over by peaceful means.

Chao announced that he would never submit to the republican government and threatened to start a revolution to establish a constitutional monarchy in Manchuria. In this he was joined by Kang, who led the famous reform movement in 1898.

Chao is known as the "Butcher of the North." It was he that ordered the recent massacres at Mukden where scores were stabbed 72 times, according to the Manchurian custom, or were sewed up in bags and then bayoneted.

London, Feb. 19.—The imperial dragon has been pulled down and the white flag of the republic flutters over all of the Chinese legations of Europe today. All of the diplomats discarded their queues in accordance with an order issued by President Yuan Shi Kai. Hereafter they will wear the evening dress of the Occident when they appear at court or at other official functions.

FRENCH MILITARY CIRCLES ARE WORRIED.

Paris, Feb. 19.—Military circles are admittedly worried over the discovery that Germany has perfected a scheme for an aeroplane raid on the capital should war between the two nations come. According to the report, Germany has trained aviators and machines stored at Metz and Strasbourg, less than three hours flight from Paris. With the Eiffel tower to steer by they could circle over the city, drop their cargoes of deadly bombs and get back unscathed to German territory. The War Department has already started plans to prevent such a raid.

SUFFRAGETTES AGAIN AROUSED.

Announce That They Are Prepared for Vigorous Action—Will Eclipse Acts of Last Fall.

London, Feb. 19.—An onslaught on Parliament that may eclipse all previous demonstrations, it was today learned, has been planned by militant suffragettes. Even the window-smashing "party" of last fall will be eclipsed, it was said.

Miss Christobel Pankhurst said today:

"We shall wait and see what the government offers us. If the concessions are not satisfactory we are prepared for vigorous action. We are gathering together women from all parts of the country who are ready to sacrifice dignity, if necessary, in behalf of the cause. Plans are for an entirely new sort of demonstration but they are being kept secret."

SERVICES TONIGHT.

A large congregation is expected to be present in St. Paul's Church tonight at 7:30 p. m. when Rev. Mr. Wilkinson of Trinity Church, New York, will deliver an address under the auspices of the Men's Religious Movement. Frank L. Slaymaker is chairman of the committee on arrangements and Rev. P. P. Phillips will preside. Mr. Wilkinson is a most interesting speaker and occupies a high position among the clergy of New York City. He will be entertained at dinner tonight by Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett who has invited all the preachers of Alexandria to meet him.

Let the little ones come and forbid them not, for the Buster Brown shoes are the goods for the lot, and the misses, too we almost forgot, can dress real stylishly from the Buster Brown lot, sold by Marshall.